

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of
RAOUL FLORENT ET AL.

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IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD, SYSTEM AND EXAMINATION APPARATUS FOR
EXTRACTING A THREADLIKE STRUCTURE IN A NOISY DIGITAL IMAGE

Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231

APPOINTMENT OF ASSOCIATES

Sir:

The undersigned Attorney of Record hereby revokes all prior appointments (if any) of Associate Attorney(s) or Agent(s) in the above-captioned case and appoints:

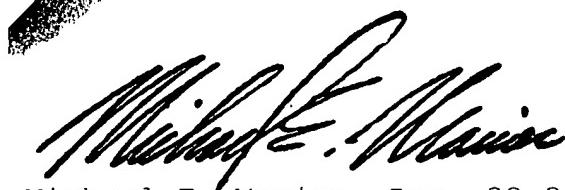
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c/o U.S. PHILIPS CORPORATION, Intellectual Property Department, 580 White Plains Road, Tarrytown, New York 10591, his Associate Attorney(s)/Agent(s) with all the usual powers to prosecute the above-identified application and any division or continuation thereof, to make alterations and amendments therein, and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

ALL CORRESPONDENCE CONCERNING THIS APPLICATION AND THE LETTERS PATENT WHEN GRANTED SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO THE UNDERSIGNED ATTORNEY OF RECORD.

Respectfully,



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Dated at Tarrytown, New York
on 14TH of May, 2001.